

THE PROHIBITIONISTS

A Full State Ticket Placed in Nomination.

A SUMMARY OF THE PLATFORM

Prof G. M. Miller of Benton County, the Nominee for Congress, and J. B. Houston of Ashland the Candidate for Governor.

SALEM, April 14.—The delegates to the prohibition nominating convention, which the Green house-to-greenhouse number 100, and represented all but six counties in the state. They were all people of responsibility and good standing in their various communities, but not one of them was a member of the party in the state. There was a notable absence of political clowns and the meeting bore the aspect of a religious or social rather than a political convention. The speakers were all clergymen, and, however, though there was no discussion of what is ordinarily called politics, and little resemblance to ordinary political proceedings. The one topic of discussion was the liquor traffic, and it seemed the common determination to cut loose entirely from the established parties. Over and over again it was declared by the speakers that the inaccuracy and暖昧ness of the republican and democratic parties concerning the liquor question justified their disbanding, no matter what the result might be. The speakers were unanimous in their discussion either of principles or methods, for nearly all were of the same mind. No ballot was taken, every nomination being by acclamation. In the platform, politics of course, were not mentioned, but it was found that the established parties had been drawn from in nearly equal numbers, the ex-republicans being in a small majority. The active leaders were most of them clergymen. All seemed to be in the belief that they were engaged in an important work, while nobody with whom I talked thought the ticket needed to-day would be received with open votes.

THE GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION

Never did the office nomination more dividently mark the man to day in the case of the gubernatorial nomination. It was expected to be between Prof. T. Wright, of Eugene, Dr. Aug. C. Kinney, of Astoria, Prof. J. T. Owens, of Roseburg, the former and the latter declined peremptorily, and Dr. Kinney reserved his decision to-day, promising to communicate with the Green house-to-greenhouse. The nomination was postponed till late in the afternoon, when, taking silence for consent, Dr. Kinney was nominated by acclamation. Shortly after this, in view of the fact that Doctor Kinney declined the gubernatorial nomination, but said he would stand for secretary of state. Here indeed was a pretty mess. It was particularly desired to have the doctor's name on the ticket, and all were anxious to know which he would take.

After a recess of half an hour, levied to general discussion of this dilemma, Mr. Houston, of Ashland, proposed that the Green house-to-greenhouse be not nominated before the convention. He declined, but was nominated over his protest by acclamation. Dr. Kinney was then put up for the secretaryship, but he declined, and the convention adjourned, to be met again at 10 o'clock to-morrow. Mr. Houston, proxy of Prof. T. Wright, of Eugene, was nominated for the office of secretary of state, and Dr. Kinney finally named for the secretaryship.

Then came a hunt for a candidate. Owyhee, Co. and others, dead set, and finally, over his own protest, Prof. T. Wright, of Portland, was nominated. After being held an hour, the convention adjourned to the following day, to be met again at 10 o'clock. Mr. Wright prevailed upon Mr. Houston to reverse his determination. His own resignation was then accepted, Houston was again nominated for governor, and Kinney finally named for the secretaryship.

THE CANDIDATES

The nominee of the Green house-to-greenhouse, Prof. G. M. Miller, is the president of the school at Philmont, Benton county, well known as the educational seat of the state. He is a member of Dr. Miller, while a member of the United Brethren church, is not, as has been reported, a preacher. He is a professional teacher, and before turning to the pulpit, was a teacher in the public schools.

Prof. Miller is tall and slender of the blonde type, with the look of a school master. He speaks firmly, and his voice is light in quality, but speaks with some emphasis. He will not make a systematic canvass, but will visit and speak in the principal cities and towns of the state before the day of election. Mr. Miller is a man of high character and courage for prohibition he stands a good chance of election, and that he will at least receive several thousand votes.

Mr. Houston, the nominee for governor, is a resident of Ashland. He has lived in Oregon for twenty years, until recently in Lane and Benton counties. He is at present state secretary of the Green house-to-greenhouse. He is 40 years old, and has until recently been a democrat. He is a tall man, of dark complexion, and looks to be in health.

Mr. Houston, the nominee for state treasurer, is the agent of the U. S. railroad at Roseburg, and has been a republican till recently. He was not present to-day but his acceptance was sought by the delegation from Douglas county.

The nominee for supreme judge, Mr. Blackburn, of Albany, is a well known lawyer, whose name has been suggested by his friends for the office. He is a man who is not likely to be put forth. He was not present to-day, and it is said by many that the nominees given him to-day will not be welcome.

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